

## Specifications for Grass Mowing for the U. S. Army

### 1.) DESCRIPTION OF WORK:

a.) WORK TO BE ACCOMPLISHED – The Contractor shall furnish all labor, tools, equipment, materials, and supervision necessary for the performance of all operations incidental to the initial cleanup, mowing, trimming, and post cleanup to keep improved areas and utility right-of-ways associated with the operation and maintenance of water and wastewater facilities located at Fort A. P. Hill in a neat, orderly, and finished appearance. The minimum frequency and performance of the work will be in accordance with detailed specifications.

b.) LOCATION OF WORK, IMPROVED AREAS – The mowing areas are defined as two feet beyond the exterior perimeter fencing associated with each water and wastewater facility identified in respective tables J03.2.1; J03.2.3 and J02.2.1.2 of this document. Attached vegetation growing on or through the perimeter fence shall be removed. In limited cases, where no perimeter fence has been constructed, a twenty-five foot radius shall be maintained from the equipment control panels. The boundaries that cannot be easily defined will be marked with wooden stakes.

c.) LOCATION OF WORK, UNIMPROVED AREAS – The mowing areas are defined as a fifteen foot standoff on either side of the existing water or wastewater piping right-of-way. The boundaries that cannot be easily defined will be marked with wooden stakes.

d.) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS – All debris which will interfere with cutting operations such as, but not limited to, wire, bottles, rocks, cans, paper and litter considered to be non-organic processed materials shall be cleared from the area prior to beginning operations for the initial mow and subsequent mowing. It is the contractor's responsibility to visually inspect the areas to be mowed and remove trees, limbs, branches, stones, or other materials, which would damage the contractor's equipment or impede a finished, neat, and orderly appearance.

e.) PERFORMANCE, IMPROVED AREAS – Grassed areas shall be mowed to a height of not less than two inches above the surface of the soil and shall not be allowed to grow to a height greater than six inches above the soil surface. Smaller mowers or trimmers shall cut grass adjacent to buildings, utilities, trees or fences, inaccessible by larger equipment. Each time the grass of an area is mowed, all grass shall be trimmed even with the edges of all curbs, sidewalks, and driveways. Grass, brush, weeds and other vegetation growing beside or in proximity of walls, fence, guide wires, poles, shrubs, trees, foundations, containers, fire hydrants, or any object within the designated areas shall be cut consistent with the adjoining grassed areas.

f.) PERFORMANCE, UNIMPROVED AREAS – The work includes the cutting of grass, weeds, brush, trees, limbs, branches, and the removal of trash. Mowing

vegetation shall include grass, weeds, and small trees or brush five inches in diameter or less, to a height no less than two inches above the surface of the soil and not be allowed to grow higher than twenty-four inches above the soil. It is the contractor's responsibility to visually inspect the areas to be mowed and remove trees, limbs, branches, stones or other materials, which would damage the contractor's equipment or impede a finished neat and orderly appearance.

g.) EQUIPMENT – The cutting edges of all mowing equipment used in the performance of work shall be kept on sharp condition to maintain a uniform finished appearance, bruising or rough cutting of grass is unacceptable. Mowers shall be of a type that causes clippings to be distributed evenly over the cut area.

h.) WORKING HOURS – Working hours for the contractor or sub contractor will be from 0700 to 1700 hours, seven days per week. The Contractor will not be permitted to work on legal holidays or other than normal workings hours. The Government reserves the right to restrict access to specific work areas should the performance of the work endanger the health, safety, or mission of military personnel. It is the Contractor's responsibility to schedule their workdays around these times and determine when these areas will be available.